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Vessel	No.	Masthead lights not over all other lights and obstructions. Annex I, sec. 2(f)	Forward mast-head light not in forward quarter of ship. Annex I, sec. 3(a)	After masthead light less than 1/2 ship's length aft of forward mast-head light. Annex I, sec. 3(a)	Percentage horizontal separation attained
USS BLUE RIDGE	LCC 19	N/A	N/A	X	84

Dated: March 31, 1998.

Approved:

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Captain, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD 08-98-012]

Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Lake Pontchartrain, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the draws of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission causeway, north bascule spans across Lake Pontchartrain, between Metairie, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, and Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. From May 4, 1998, through July 2, 1998 the draw will remain closed Mondays through Saturdays, except for the Memorial Day holiday weekend. This temporary deviation is issued to allow for cleaning and painting of the bascule structures, an extensive but necessary maintenance operation.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 12:01 a.m. on May 4, 1998 through 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Phil Johnson, Bridge Administration Branch, Commander (ob), Eighth Coast Guard District, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-3396, telephone number 504-589-2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The north bascule spans of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission

causeway across Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana have a vertical clearance of 42 feet above mean high water in the closed to navigation position and unlimited clearance in the open to navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists of small tugs with tows, fishing vessels, sailing vessels, and other recreational craft. As an alternate route, the south channel span provides a vertical clearance of 50 feet above mean high water.

The Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission sent a letter to the Coast Guard requesting this temporary deviation from normal drawbridge operating regulations so that the draw spans can be cleaned and painted. The equipment used for this procedure has to be removed each time the draw span is opened. Since this process is time consuming and costly, the equipment should remain in place for 6-day periods, allowing the contractor to maximize work time. Painting operations in the counterweight area will require the bridges to be placed in the open to navigation position. During the time in which the span of one bridge is in the open position to be painted, the span of the other bridge will need to be closed to detour vehicular traffic. The short term inconvenience, attributable to a delay of vessel traffic for a maximum of six days, is outweighed by the long term benefits to be gained by keeping the bridges free of corrosion and in proper working condition. This work is essential for the continued operation of the draw spans.

This deviation allows the draws of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission causeway, north bascule spans, to remain closed to navigation from 12:01 a.m. on Mondays until 12:01 a.m. on Sundays from May 4 through July 2, 1998 except for the holiday weekend of May 23, 24 and 25, 1998. In the event of an approaching tropical storm or hurricane, the bridges will be returned to the normal operation within 24 hours of notification by the Coast Guard.

This deviation will be effective from 12:01 a.m. on May 4, 1998 through 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 1998. Presently, the draw opens on signal if at least three hours' notice is given, as required by 33 CFR 117.467.

Dated: April 10, 1998.

T.W. Josiah,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[CGD1-98-029]

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Safety Zone: Bath/Woolwich Bridge Construction Project, Bath, ME

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary moving safety zone to close a portion of the Kennebec River to waterway traffic in a 100-foot radius around each of two construction barges operating in the vicinity of the Carlton Bridge, Bath, Maine, from May 10, 1998 at 7 a.m. through October 1, 1998 at 7 a.m. This safety zone is needed to protect persons, vessels and others in the maritime community from the safety hazards associated with construction barges working in a bridge construction capacity. Entry into this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port.

DATES: This regulation is effective from May 10, 1998 at 7 a.m. until October 1, 1998 at 7 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant J.D. Gafkjen, Chief of Response and Planning, Captain of the Port, Portland at (207) 780-3251.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: